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Draft report

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

[*To be completed*]

II. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development

1. The Commission held a general discussion of item 3 of its agenda at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 22 March, and at its 3rd meeting, on 23 March 2004. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/2004/3);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: a 10-year review (E/CN.9/2004/4);

(c) Letter dated 17 February 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the summary of deliberations of the European Population Forum, held in Geneva from 12 to 14 January 2004 (A/59/61);

(d) A statement by the World Population Foundation, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.9/2004/NGO/1);

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(e) A statement by Ipas, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.9/2004/NGO/2);

(f) A statement by the Interact Worldwide (formerly Population Concern), International Family Health and Italian Association for Women in Development, non-governmental organizations in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.9/2004/NGO/3).

2. At the 1st meeting, on 22 March, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat; the Chief of the Population Studies Branch of the Population Division; and the Chief, Population and Development Branch, Technical Support Division, of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the acceding countries of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United States of America and the Russian Federation, as well as by the observer for Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

4. At the 2nd meeting, on 22 March, statements were made by the representatives of Madagascar, Norway, Japan, Peru, Guyana, Luxembourg, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China and Mexico, as well as by the observers for Brazil, Ethiopia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Switzerland.

5. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

6. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of Partners in Population and Development, an intergovernmental organization.

7. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

8. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for Cuba (in its capacity as Chairman of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development) and for Switzerland (in its capacity as host of the European Population Forum organized with the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and UNFPA (Geneva, 12-14 January 2004).

9. At the 3rd meeting, on 23 March, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Egypt, Jamaica and Malaysia, as well as by the observers for Cuba, Chile and Uganda.

10. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Population Fund and the Economic Commission for Europe.

11. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the World Bank and the World Health Organization.

III. National experience in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Review of the methods of work of the Commission

12. The Commission held a general discussion of item 4 of its agenda, jointly with item 4 (bis), at its 4th and 5th meetings, on 23 and 24 March 2004.

13. At the 4th meeting, on 23 March, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Norway, China, Botswana, the Netherlands, Indonesia, El Salvador, Mexico, France, Poland, Turkey, Bolivia, Luxembourg and Belgium, as well as by the observers for South Africa, Algeria, Ecuador, Canada, Croatia and Tunisia.

14. At the 5th meeting, on 24 March, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Kenya, Peru, Jamaica and Ghana, and by the observers for Uruguay, Argentina, Australia, Sweden, the United Republic of Tanzania and Portugal.

15. At the 6th meeting, on 24 March, statements were made by the representatives of India, Nicaragua, Ireland, Zambia, Lithuania and Malaysia, as well as by the observers for Cuba, Switzerland and the Syrian Arab Republic.

16. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

Keynote addresses

17. At its 3rd meeting, on 23 March, the Commission heard a keynote address by Brunson McKinley, Director-General, International Organization for Migration (Geneva), which was followed by a discussion in which the delegations of Bangladesh, Lebanon, Indonesia, Tunisia, Canada, the Philippines, Ireland and Chile took part.

18. At its 5th meeting, on 24 March, the Commission heard a keynote address by Barbara Crosette, former United Nations Bureau Chief of *The New York Times*, which was followed by a discussion in which the delegations of Bolivia, the Philippines, India, Uganda, the United States, Sweden and Kenya took part.

19. At its 7th meeting, on 25 March, the Commission heard a keynote address by Riad Tabbarah, Director, Centre for Development Studies and Projects, Beirut, which was followed by a discussion in which the delegations of — [to be completed] — took part.

IV. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population

20. The Commission held a general discussion of item 5 of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 24 March 2004. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2003: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/2004/5);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 (E/CN.9/2004/6).

21. At the same meeting, an introductory statement was made by the Director of the Population Division.

22. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China and the Russian Federation.

23. At the same meeting, the representatives of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean made statements.

24. At the same meeting, in accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council made statements: International Planned Parenthood Federation (general status); International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (special status); Ipas (special status); ..... [to be completed].

V. Provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission

[*To be completed*]

VI. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-seventh session

[*To be completed*]

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

25. The Commission held its thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters from 22 to 26 March 2004. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to _____).

26. The session was opened by the Chairman of the thirty-sixth session, Gediminas Šerkšnys (Lithuania).

27. Opening statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and the Director of the Population Division.

B. Attendance

28. The session was attended by ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for ___ non-member States also attended. Representatives of the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex ___.

C. Election of officers

29. At its 1st meeting, on 22 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:
Alfredo Chuquihuara (Peru)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Khondker M. Talha (Bangladesh)
Gediminas Šerkšnys (Lithuania)
Kitty van der Jeijden (Netherlands)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur:
Mohamed El-Farnawany (Egypt)

D. Report of the Bureau of the Commission on its intersessional meeting

30. At its 1st meeting, on 22 March, the Commission heard a statement by Gediminas Šerkšnys (Lithuania), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, who introduced the report of the Bureau of the Commission on its intersessional meeting, which was held in Vilnius on 13 and 14 November 2003 (E/CN.9/2004/2).

31. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report.

E. Agenda

32. At its 1st meeting, on 22 March, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.9/2004/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters:
   (a) Report of the Bureau on its intersessional meeting;
   (b) Agenda and organization of work.
3. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development.

4. General debate on national experience in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

5. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population.

6. Provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-seventh session.

F. Documentation

33. The list of documents before the Commission at its thirty-seventh session is contained in annex ___.